

Minutes

Special Management Committee



Meeting date: September 23, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| ☒ Chair, Diego Morales, D9 | ☐ Judy Johnson, District 1 | ☒ Gail Cederberg, District 11 |
| ☒ Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5 | ☒ Robert Lilligren, District 6 | ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12 |
| | ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7 | ☒ = present |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Morales called the special meeting of the Management Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was noted by Committee Chair Morales.

Agenda Approved

Council members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Jenkins, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2026 special meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent Business

1. **2026-163: 2026 Policy Update: Government-to-Government Tribal Relationship Policy**

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached version of the following policy:

- RF 4-2 Government-to-Government Tribal Relationship Policy

Motion carried.

Community Relations Director Sam O'Connell and Tribal Liaison and Native Relations Coordinator Allison Waukau presented the item. The Committee unanimously approved the item, expressing support for the thoughtful update to the policy including the way it more closely reflects the work of the Council in the region and a deepening understanding of meaningful Tribal relations.

2. **2026-133: Labor Agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005**

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Council authorize its Regional Administrator to enter into a labor agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1005, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Motion carried.

Cassy Fogale, Assistant Director – Labor Relations, presented this item. CM Morales expressed appreciation to the Labor Relations team for their hard work to get an agreement in place in a timely manner.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the special Management Committee meeting of September 23, 2026.

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